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In re application of: Andrew Kaplan et al.

Application No.: 10/065,256

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For: Suture Method

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Fees for claims

Independent claims in excess of three (\$84.00;
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Claims in excess of twenty (\$18.00;
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Multiple dependent claims (\$280.00;
small entity--\$140.00)

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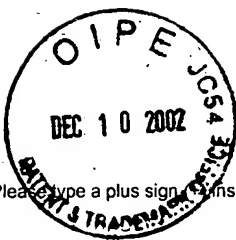
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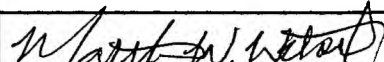
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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

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- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

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